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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled:

> "Groups of countries in special situations:
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> "(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
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> "(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 26th and 27th meetings, on 10 November 2005. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/60/SR.26 and 27). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 3 to 5 October (see A/C.2/60/SR.2-7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts, under the symbol A/60/491 and Add.1 and 2.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 5 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/60/111)

Letter dated 25 August 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/60/308)

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/60/81-E/2005/68)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (A/60/287)

Letter dated 29 April 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/60/75)

Letter dated 26 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Chairman of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/60/2)

4. At the 26th meeting, on 10 November, the Under-Secretary-General and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/60/SR.26).

5. At the same meeting, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, the Committee held a dialogue with the High Representative during which comments were made and questions were posed by the delegations of Benin, Burkina Faso, Paraguay and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to which the High Representative responded (see A/C.2/60/SR.26).